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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, SY

SUBJECT: C-130S

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 1166; (B) 1844

1. DEPTOFF CONTACTED LOCKHEED IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA BY PHONE AND LEARNED THAT, FOLLOWING WALDEN VISIT TO SYRIA AT END OF MARCH (REF A), SARG ATTEMPTED OBTAIN C-130 AIRCRAFT THROUGH LIBYAN AND SAUDI GOVERNMENTS. WHEN THOSE EFFORTS UNSUCCESSFUL, LOCKHEED/M RECEIVED INVITATION FOR REVISIT. WALDEN AGAIN VISITED SYRIA MAY 4 AND DISCUSSED PURCHASE OF FOUR C-130H AIRCRAFT. DURING VISIT WALDEN PROVIDED PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA TO SARG FOR SALE OF UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, QUOTING UNIT PRICE BASED ON DELIVERY ONE AIRCRAFT PER MONTH BEGINNING APRIL 1977.

2. C-130H IS MILITARY MODEL, WITH MILITARY LOADING SYSTEM, PARATROOP DOORS, AND STATIC-LINE RETRIEVER. LOCKHEED HAS
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NOT YET FILED REQUEST FOR EITHER EXPORT LICENSE OR ADVISORY

OPINION RE EXPORT THIS AIRCRAFT TO SYRIA. FORMAL DECISION
WOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE MADE UNTIL REQUEST SUBMITTED TO
LOCKHEED, BUT AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE WE ARE NOT IN POSITION
AT THIS TIME TO LICENSE THIS OR ANY OTHER MODEL OF C-130 FOR
SALE TO SYRIA, AND IT IS UNLIKELY WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO

IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. PROBLEM THEREFORE IS HOW BEST
TO HANDLE THIS TACTICALLY SO AS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE
FRICTION IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SARG. WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR VIEWS. KISSINGER

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